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**TOPANGA FIRES STATUS REPORT AS OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005
(12:00 p.m.)**

The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) was activated at 4:30 p.m. yesterday in response to fires in and around the communities and cities of Hidden Hills, Chatsworth, Los Angeles and unincorporated Los Angeles. County departments that reported to the CEOC, or activated in their own department EOCs, include Fire, Sheriff, Health Services, CAO Office of Emergency Management, Probation, Public Works, Animal Control, and DPSS. The City of Los Angeles, City of Malibu, and the City of Hidden Hills have also activated their EOCs.

Today, I signed a proclamation of a local emergency covering all of Los Angeles County, with a request for a State disaster proclamation. The City of Hidden Hills proclaimed a state of local emergency earlier this morning.

Call 2-1-1 has public information about shelters and available County services.

STATUS OF THE FIRE

The fires have burned over 17,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. As of 8:30 a.m. five structures have been destroyed including one house, three outbuildings and one warehouse (Rocketdyne). The Los Virgines School District has closed all 14 of their schools until further notice. A unified command is in place with Ventura County and Los Angeles County Fire and with support from Sheriff Department Area Command from both Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Below are reports of activities of other County departments.

Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the assisting agencies, conducted evacuations and provided security in the evacuated areas. The Sheriff's Department Operations Center (DOC) remains activated and continues to monitor the situation and deploy personnel as needed. They are also conducting arson patrols in the affected areas.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

County DMH has been in contact with the American Red Cross and determined that there was not a need for special mental health assistance at this time. DMH continues to monitor the situation and has placed Emergency Outreach Bureau staff on stand-by.

Animal Control

Animal Care & Control, Agoura Shelter, is coordinating with their team of trained volunteers on the Equine Response Team to move horses and pets from the affected areas.

Public Social Services (DPSS)

DPSS has been coordinating with the Red Cross to establish two shelters, one at Canoga Park High School in Canoga Park and one at the Mason Recreation Center in Chatsworth. DPSS continues to monitor the need to open additional shelters or provide staffing. At this time, there is no need for additional shelters or staff.

Health Services (DHS)

DHS has been in contact with the Red Cross and the fire department to assess the need for staff. There is no DHS activity at this time. The department has prepared and released public advisories about school activities and smoke and air pollution impacts of the fires.

Probation

The Probation Department has three camps in the vicinity of the fires, Camp David Gonzales, Camp Vernon Kilpatrick, and Camp Fred Patrick. Camp David Gonzales is closest to the affected area, but all three camps are on alert and have been asked to stage pre-evacuation activities. If evacuation of the camps is required, busses will be dispatched and residents will be re-located to Sylmar, Los Padrinios or Central Juvenile Hall. The total population of the three camps is 300 minors and 75 staff.

Public Works

Road closures include:

- 101 Freeway, both North and South bound, at Kanan Road,
- Agoura Road, both East and West bound
- Liberty Canyon, East and West bound
- Lost Hills Road, East and West bound
- Box Canyon Road, by City line
- Malibu Hills Road, one lane open
- Lake Canyon Drive

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me or the "on duty manager" at the EOC at (323) 980-2162.

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